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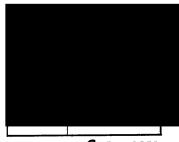
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- 1. There is a cavalry barracks in the center of Sofia with its main entrance on the Regentska-ulica. The west side of the barracks lies on the Ruski Pemetnik Plaza. The barracks can take a complete cavalry section of about 650 men. It consists of a four-story staff building, 35 by 80 m; a one-story dining and meeting building, 20 by 60 m; a one-story kitchen and magazine 20 by 20 m; a stable, 35 by 130 m. All are in poor shape, but no orders have been given for renovation.
- 2. At present it is occupied by the 2nd Section of the Sofia cavalry regiment. Commander: Capt. Ivanoff, 45 years old. It is divided into a refresher training company, 110 to 120 men, made up of old cavalrymen from the classes of 1924 to 25 who have seen little service (Commander: First Lt. Petroff); 1st Company, 85 men from the classes of 1930 to 31; 2nd Company 85 to 90 men, from the classes 1930 to 31; 3rd Company, 100 men from the classes 1930 to 31 (Commander: Lt. Loktov).
 - 3. The unit has first-class horses, but only about half as many as it needs.
- 4. In the summer of 1952 the unit received new Soviet light weapons. Each company has five Degtyarev light machine guns, M-49, and an 82 mm mortar.

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